# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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CORRUPTION IN IGNOU
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the C&AG has pointed out in its ReportNo.4 of 1998 the purchase of excess sub-standard printing and art paper by the IGNOU despite giving an assurance not to hold excess stock thereby causing financial loss;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made in the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to tone up the working of the IGNOU?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( PROF.RITA VERMA )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Yes,Sir. According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National OpenUniversity, the issue regarding purchase of paper was examined by Shri K.K.Sinha,I.A.S.(Retd.), who was appointed to investigate, among other issues, the purchase of paper by the University. The report was examined by the Establishment Committee and the Board of Management ofthe University. The Board in its meeting held on 1.7.2002 has directed that action in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee may be initiated by the University. Further action is under process.

(d): The University has taken following steps to tone up its working:-

(i) The procedure for purchase of paper has been modified. Paper is tested before the supply begins;

(ii) Strengthening of the internal audit wing;

(iii) All proposals for purchase are examined by the Standing Committee of the Board;

(iv) All proposals having financial bearing are vetted by the Finance Division;

(v) Initiation of training programmes for the non-academic staff; and

(vi) The University is in the process of finalisation of a scheme by which paper will be purchased only through DGS&D.